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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-40. (Canceled)

- 41. (Original) A method for manufacturing a capacitor, the method comprising:

  providing a capacitor case having a hole;

  installing a feedthrough assembly at least partially into the hole, the feedthrough assembly comprising a conductive member having a passage therethrough; and filling the case with an electrolyte solution through the passage.
- 42. (Original) The method of claim 41, further comprising: installing a terminal fastener in the passage.
- 43. (Original) A method for replacing a first capacitor installed in a medical device with a second capacitor, the method comprising:

disengaging a terminal coupled to the medical device from a feedthrough passage of the first capacitor; and

installing the same terminal into a feedthrough passage of the second capacitor.

44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein disengaging a terminal coupled to the medical device from a feedthrough passage comprises disengaging a terminal coupled to the medical device from a feedthrough passage located through an axial portion of a electrically conductive member.

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100. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a capacitor case having a hole;

mounting a capacitor stack within the case;

installing a feedthrough assembly at least partially into the hole, the feedthrough assembly including a conductive member having a passage;

coupling the feedthrough assembly to the capacitor stack; and

mounting a feedthrough terminal to the passage of the conductive member <u>such that the</u> feedthrough terminal and the <u>conductive member are electrically coupled</u>.

- 101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, further including insulating the conductive member from the case.
- 102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein installing the feedthrough assembly includes attaching an outer insulating portion of the feedthrough assembly to the case proximate the hole.
- 103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, further comprising filling the case with an electrolyte solution through the conductive member passage before mounting the feedthrough terminal to the passage.
- 104. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein mounting the feedthrough terminal to the passage includes using a terminal fastener to attach the feedthrough terminal to the conductive member.
- 105. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein mounting the feedthrough terminal to the passage includes crimping the feedthrough terminal within the passage.
- 106. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein mounting the feedthrough terminal to the passage includes removably mounting the feedthrough terminal to the passage.

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107. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein coupling the feedthrough assembly to the capacitor stack includes attaching a flexible tab connection member between the feedthrough assembly and the stack.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein coupling the feedthrough assembly to the capacitor stack includes attaching a bottom surface of the feedthrough assembly directly to a surface of the capacitor stack.